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Grits ride red wave to victory

Changing tide.

N.S.'s new premier is Stephen McNeil; Darrell Dexter loses seat as NDP crushed



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In a province where political events have historically unfolded as predictably as the tides, the 2013 general election swept away expectations and predictions like a rogue wave that left the province drenched in Liberal red.

Within minutes of the polls closing, the crimson tide began creeping inexorably across the electoral map, returning Liberal incumbents to power and then morphing into a relentless

takedown of NDP backbenchers, cabinet ministers and finally the premier himself.

When the dust settled, the Grits had won 33 seats, returning to government status for the first time in 14 years.

"I am so humbled and honoured that Nova Scotians have put their trust in me and our Liberal team," said premier-designate Stephen McNeil during his victory speech in Bridgetown.

"It is with a deep sense of responsibility and purpose that I will make certain that our plan is delivered and that our commitments are kept."

It's the first time in 131 years that an incumbent party in N.S. hasn't returned to power following its first term. Former premier Darrell Dexter will not be returning to the legislature after losing his Cole Harbour-Portland Valley seat by 31 votes.

"The NDP not returning to power is not a shock, however Darrell Dexter losing his seat was," posted Twitter user @Andsanity69, echoing dozens of other social-media users.

McNeil ran on a platform of reducing the number of health districts, ending Nova Scotia Power's monopoly, capping classroom sizes and reducing spending, except for in health and education, by one per cent annually.

"Our Nova Scotia is a province where the health and welfare of our children is paramount, and ... parents meet the financial obligations that they have to their children," he said.

Media reports suggested voter turnout was a historically dismal 55 per cent, but an Elections Nova Scotia spokesperson said it was too early to confirm any figures.



Nova Scotia Liberal Party Leader Stephen McNeil celebrates at his campaign headquarters in Bridgetown on Tuesday after winning the Nova Scotia provincial election.

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Seat count



33



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Second place

Tories relish rise to Official Opposition



PC Leader Jamie Baillie on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Progressive Conservatives were led by a new leader in Tuesday's Nova Scotia election, and four years after losing power, they made the jump from third to second.

When the legislature returns, Jamie Baillie will be the leader of the Official Opposition, an achievement for a party that is still seen to be in a rebuilding phase.

"What a great night to be a Progressive Conservative in Nova Scotia," Baillie told campaign workers at a legion in Springhill.

"I can't wait to get to work as leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition."

Baillie said to be proud of what they achieved.

"You can hold your heads high," he said. "We will be a very vigorous and positive Opposition for the people of Nova Scotia."

Baillie, 47, ran a campaign aimed at his party's core support, promising tax cuts and frozen power rates. He also promised to end corporate handouts.

Although Baillie ran his first campaign as party leader, he isn't a newcomer to politics. The chartered accountant was once chief of staff to former Tory premier John Hamm. THE CANADIAN PRESS



NDP Leader Darrell Dexter gives a speech to party supporters at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Tuesday night. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Orange crushed as NDP lose big

Unexpected. Sombre atmosphere as party falls from first to third



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A small orange-clad crowd at NDP headquarters watched in silence as the results rolled in, few smiles in the room as the New Democrats fell further and further behind.

A woman in an orange knit sweater hugged a younger girl as her eyes filled with tears.

"It's a sad night," she said.

Premier Darrell Dexter told supporters at Halifax's Lord Nelson Hotel that he was proud of their initiatives, such as collaborative emergency centres, targets for renewable energy and large job contracts.

"Tonight's result does not take away from what we have accomplished," Dexter said.

"New Democrats have shown that we can be more than critics, although it looks like the people want us to be critics again."

He congratulated Liberal leader and premier elect Stephen McNeil for his hard

Crestfallen

"It's not all we hoped for, that's for sure."

Premier Darrell Dexter

work.

Although Dexter said he didn't expect to see "this kind of erosion" across the province, there were "issues of a general nature" that came with being in power during a tough economic period.

Halifax MP Megan Leslie said she was surprised at the Liberal surge because she hadn't heard such support

when she went door-to-door.

"We're going to have to really take a step back, take a collective deep breath together and figure out what happened here ... and how do we rebuild," Leslie said.

Dexter became the first provincial leader in the history of Nova Scotia to lose an election after one term and lost his own seat in Cole Harbour-Portland Valley by just 31 votes.

Concerning his own future, Dexter said he would speak with party executives soon and "discuss where we go from there."

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Liberal victors surprised by results in Halifax

Painting it red.

Decimated NDP forced into rebuild mode after winning just two city seats in all of HRM



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Labi Kousoulis was confident of victory, but even the Halifax Citadel-Sable Island Liberal representative was surprised by the result.

Surrounded by about 75 supporters at his Fenwick Towers campaign office, Kousoulis was already celebrating at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday evening. NDP incumbent Leonard Preyra had already arrived on location to concede defeat and congratulate his opponent.

"I'm actually surprised at the lead that we have," said Kousoulis.

"Leonard had been a very popular minister for two terms. I was up against a very tough opponent but we just worked and worked."

In the end, Preyra went down by about 1,000 votes. After the results were tallied, the NDP party managed to win just two of 22 Halifax-



Halifax Citadel-Sable Island Conservative candidate Andrew Black, left, showed up to Liberal Labi Kousoulis' headquarters to congratulate him on his victory on Tuesday night. ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

Quoted

"We can't rest on our laurels. The election was a victory; the real victory comes in moving Nova Scotia forward."

Labi Kousoulis, newly-elected representative for Halifax Citadel-Sable Island

area ridings.

Fellow Liberal Joachim Stroink was near speechless after taking the riding of Halifax Chebucto, which was left vacant by outgoing NDPer Howard Epstein.

"I'm overwhelmed," said Stroink.

"I can't even believe it, thinking about the past nine months where my team and I worked so hard every day to see this day come true.

"But the result shows clearly that people want change, they want a part that puts them and Nova Scotians first."

Although disappointed by the result in Chebucto,

Gregor Ash of the NDP said he and his party have no other choice but to move on.

"The sun will come up tomorrow; I'll get up and put my pants on," said Ash. "The party will do what it has to do.

It's been in this place before, now it has to rebuild."

As for Kousoulis, he said he's set to get to work.

"Nova Scotia has real issues and we have to get to work on them," he said.

Regan makes it look easy in Bedford

Going into the election, the Liberals had several safe seats in HRM, including Bedford, where MLA Kelly Regan cruised to an easy re-election win, beating her nearest competitor by more than 4,000 votes.

While campaigning on doorsteps across the riding, she said she heard trust was a big issue with voters. She said many were frustrated with the political flip-flops exer-

cised by the previous NDP government on issues such as the HST and Yarmouth ferry.

"I think that's really a lesson for all of us who do get elected that when you say you're going to do something, you better make sure that you can do it," said Regan, who was elected with 6,080 votes.

She said when the party was developing its platform, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil spoke with caucus and

said the party would not make promises it couldn't keep.

"We thought it was better to under promise and over deliver," said Regan.

The ridings outside of the Halifax and Dartmouth area didn't go all red though.

NDP cabinet minister Dave Wilson was narrowly re-elected in his riding of Sackville-Cobequid.

However, with a margin

of victory of only 86 votes, the vote will be subject to a recount.

In the neighbouring riding of Sackville-Beaver Bank, MLA Mat Whyntott wasn't as lucky. He was narrowly defeated by just over 200 votes.

In Timberlea-Prospect, Liberal Iain Rankin had more than twice as many votes as the second-place candidate and collected 4,471 votes.

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Bedford MLA Kelly Regan (in the red jacket) is flanked by her family at her victory celebration at Brewster's Bar & Grill. RICHARD WOODBURY/FOR METRO

HRM. Riding-by-riding results

Bedford
Polls: 46 of 46
* **Liberal:** Kelly Regan, 6,080
NDP: Mike Poworoznyk, 1,700
PC: Joan Christie, 2,026
Green: Ian Charles, 196

Chester-St. Margaret's
Polls: 46 of 46
Liberal: Timothy Harris, 2,943
* **NDP:** Denise Peterson-Rafuse, 3,341
PC: Janet Irwin, 3,193

Clayton Park West
Polls: 51 of 51
* **Liberal:** Diana Whalen, 5,569
NDP: Blake Wright, 1,448
PC: Jamie Allen, 1,236

Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley
Polls: 49 of 49
Liberal: Tom Martin, 2,220
* **NDP:** Mike Poworoznyk, 2,293
PC: Larry Harrison, 3,304

Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage
Polls: 40 of 40
Liberal: Joyce Treen, 3,507
* **NDP:** Becky Kent, 2,914
PC: Lloyd Jackson, 1,555

Cole Harbour-Portland Valley
Polls: 55 of 55
Liberal: Tony Ince, 3,744
* **NDP:** Darrell Dexter, 3,713
PC: Greg Frampton, 1,686

Dartmouth East
Polls: 45 of 45
* **Liberal:** Andrew Younger, 5,470
NDP: Deborah Stover, 1,929
PC: Mike Macdonel, 1,167

Dartmouth North
Polls: 40 of 40
Liberal: Joanne Bernard, 2,945
NDP: Steven Estey, 2,021
PC: Séan Brownlow, 1,727

Preston-Dartmouth
Polls: 39 of 39
* **Liberal:** Keith Colwell, 3,296
NDP: Andre Cain, 1,811
PC: Andrew Mecke, 539

Dartmouth South
Polls: 51 of 51
Liberal: Allan Rowe, 4,044
NDP: Mary Vingoe, 2,918
PC: Gordon Gamble, 1,612
Independent: James (Jim) Anthony Murray, 178

Eastern Shore
Polls: 35 of 35
Liberal: Kevin Murphy, 3,770
* **NDP:** Sid Prest, 1,894
PC: Steve Brine, 1,447

Fairview-Clayton Park
Polls: 61 of 61
Liberal: Patricia Arab, 3,369
NDP: Abad Khan, 2,250
PC: Travis Price, 1,294
Green: Raland Kinley, 176

Independent: Katie Campbell, 136

Halifax Armdale
Polls: 36 of 36
Liberal: Lena Diab, 3,208
NDP: Drew Moore, 2,233
PC: Irvine Carvery, 1,061

Halifax Atlantic
Polls: 41 of 41
Liberal: Brendan Maguire, 3,244
NDP: Tanis Crosby, 2,564
PC: Ryan Brennan, 1,817

Halifax Chebucto
Polls: 37 of 37
Liberal: Joachim Stroink, 4,505
NDP: Gregor Ash, 3,375
PC: Christine Dewell, 874
Independent: Michael Marshall, 120

Halifax Citadel-Sable Island
Polls: 46 of 46
Liberal: Labi Kousoulis, 2,946
* **NDP:** Leonard Preyra, 1,904
PC: Andrew Black, 1,062
Green: Brynn Horley, 230
Independent: Frederic Boileau-Cadieux, 31

Halifax Needham
Polls: 48 of 48
Liberal: Chris Poole, 3,115
* **NDP:** Maureen MacDonald, 3,391
PC: Mary Hamblin, 834
Green: Kris MacLellan, 361

Hammonds Plains-Lucasville
Polls: 31 of 31
Liberal: Ben Jessome, 3,402
NDP: Peter Lund, 1,583
PC: Gina Byrne, 1,423
Independent: Jonathan Dean, 104

Sackville-Beaver Bank
Polls: 35 of 35
Liberal: Stephen Gough, 2,573
* **NDP:** Mat Whynott, 2,369
PC: Sarah Reeves, 1,453

Sackville-Cobequid
Polls: 40 of 40
Liberal: Graham Cameron, 2,898
* **NDP:** Dave Wilson, 2,984
PC: Peter MacIsaac, 1,651
Green: John H. Percy, 227

Timberlea-Prospect
Polls: 37 of 37
Liberal: Iain Rankin, 4,471
NDP: Linda Moxsom-Skinner, 2,230
PC: Bruce Pretty, 1,608
Green: Thomas Trappenberg, 300

Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank
Polls: 38 of 38
Liberal: Bill Horne, 3,588
* **NDP:** Percy Paris, 2,098
PC: Brian Wong, 2,640

* Indicates incumbent
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Newly-elected Liberal MLA Joanne Bernard celebrates her victory in Dartmouth North. GEORDON ORMAND/FOR METRO

Dartmouth North elects first openly gay MLA

Liberal win. Riding had been held by independent Trevor Zinck, who didn't reoffer

Can't wait

"I'm ready to get to work. I'm looking forward to the next four years."

Newly-elected MLA Joanne Bernard

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Nova Scotia has elected its first openly gay politician to the provincial legislature.

Joanne Bernard of the Liberals made provincial history by winning 44 per cent of the vote in Dartmouth North on Tuesday night.

"I never ran as a gay candidate. I just happened to be a candidate who is gay," said Bernard.

"I'm sure people didn't vote

for me because of that, but I'll represent them as well as I'll represent anything else."

The riding was previously held by disgraced former Independent politician Trevor Zinck, who stepped down from office in June after pleading guilty to fraud and breach of trust in the wake of the Nova Scotia spending scandal.

"This riding has really been ignored for many years now," said Bernard, adding she's looking forward to bringing back some integrity to politics.

"People are tired. They feel

let down. They feel deceived," she said.

Dartmouth North has the distinction of being the riding with the lowest voter turnout in the 2009 election, with 48 per cent of registered voters coming out in the previous provincial election.

With her victory, Bernard has ended five consecutive NDP victories in the riding. Zinck ran for the NDP in 2009, before being turfed by the party during his term.

Bernard beat out international human rights consult-

ant Steve Estey, of the NDP, and former police officer Séan Brownlow, of the Progressive Conservatives.

Elsewhere in Dartmouth, incumbent Liberal Andrew Younger won a second term in Dartmouth East, winning nearly two thirds of the vote.

In Preston-Dartmouth, voters returned Liberal Keith Colwell for a fourth term in the legislature.

Former anchor and news director for Global Television, Allan Rowe, easily won office in Dartmouth South.

"There are good things ahead for Dartmouth South now. This is an opportunity for us to grow this community," said Rowe.

"We've got a big job ahead but we're ready for it."

Cabinet ministers lose seats in NDP purge



Ramona Jennex METRO FILE

Among the MLAs who will not be returning to the legislature are several high-profile New Democrats who were also cabinet ministers.

Former Justice Minister Ross Landry, Agriculture Minister John MacDonell, Energy Minister Charlie Parker, Heritage Minister Leonard Preyra and Education Minister Ramona Jennex were all

defeated Tuesday evening.

Percy Paris, who resigned from cabinet after being charged with assault over an altercation with a Liberal MLA, also lost his seat in Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank.

Former Health Minister Dave Wilson held onto the Sackville-Cobequid riding by a margin of 86 votes. Veteran

MLAs Sterling Belliveau and Denise Peterson-Rafuse will return to the legislature for Shelburne and Chester-St. Margaret's Bay, respectively.

Six New Democrats did not seek re-election, including veteran MLAs Howard Epstein, Bill Estabrooks, Marilyn More and former Finance Minister Graham Steele.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

Autopsy. Death of elderly woman after fight at care home ruled a homicide

Halifax Regional Police have ruled the death of a 91-year-old woman after a fight with another resident at a care facility in Clayton Park as a homicide.

Just before 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, officers were called to Evan Hall at Shannex's Parkstone Enhanced Care at 156 Parkland Dr.

Heather Hanson, Shannex spokesperson, said a 74-year-old woman with dementia pushed a 91-year-old woman, who fell and suffered injuries.

Police said the victim was taken to hospital and died on Sunday night.

An autopsy was conducted Monday and police announced Tuesday morning that the victim died of her injuries resulting from the fall, thus making it a homicide.

She has been identified as Joyce Renouf of Halifax.



Shannex Parkstone Enhanced Care in Clayton Park. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said Tuesday investigators are now talking with the Crown about whether charges should be laid. He said there are several factors being considered, including intent and the medical condition of both women.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Murder. Man sentenced to life for killing wife with a hammer in 2011

A 50-year-old man who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of his wife in Nova Scotia was given an automatic sentence of life in prison Tuesday with no parole eligibility for 13 years.

Patrick Chareka was charged with first-degree murder in the March 2011 death of Ottilia Chareka, an education professor of St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.

The 42-year-old woman died after she was repeatedly hit in the head with a hammer in her home, the Nova Scotia Supreme Court heard.

Before his judge-and-jury

Nothing to say

Patrick Chareka declined to make a statement before the judge delivered the sentence.

trial was scheduled to get underway last week, Chareka pleaded guilty to the lesser charge.

During Tuesday's sentencing hearing, the Crown and defence submitted a joint recommendation that Chareka serve 13 years behind bars before becoming eligible for parole. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Charges

Arrest warrant issued for sunglasses thief

Halifax police have issued an arrest warrant for a woman they allege stole more than \$7,500 worth of sunglasses from a retail outlet in the Halifax Shopping Centre. The warrant was issued for 49-year-old Laura Ann Zwicker of Halifax. She is charged with theft and possession of goods under \$5,000. **METRO**

Forever 21

Retail giant to open its first Atlantic store

Retail giant Forever 21 has announced Atlantic Canada's first location is scheduled to open Dec. 14 at Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth. It was confirmed by email on Tuesday. Forever 21, an L.A.-based company, has hundreds of locations across the U.S. with the closest Canadian spots in Quebec. **METRO**



Man in hospital after 18-wheel truck allegedly loses control

One man was checked into hospital and a woman was unharmed after a collision between a dump truck and passenger vehicle near Dartmouth Crossing. The accident happened around 4:30 p.m., when the driver of an 18-wheel dump truck hauling a load of gravel apparently lost control of the truck on Highway 118 inbound near Dartmouth Crossing. **SEAN DEWITT/CONTRIBUTED**

New booze policy lacks substance: Councillors

Cheers? Council approves 'status quo' municipal alcohol policy despite lack of public consultation



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Halifax regional council has approved a municipal alcohol policy that was branded repeatedly as a "first step" toward a more comprehensive approach.

The draft policy is based on a review of similar policies in other jurisdictions and a "scan" of existing HRM policies, compiled into a single document.

"It is a status quo report

Quoted

"I don't believe we should ban advertising of alcohol products. I think you say you've done that and then you wash your hands of it, and that's not the case." **Mayor Mike Savage**

of what we're doing already," said Coun. Jennifer Watts. "It doesn't advance us in terms of really looking at the impact of alcohol in our community and the role that municipalities can offer."

Council asked for a policy in December 2011 governing advertising, sponsorship and alcohol consumption at public events.

Several councillors criticized the policy's lack of substance on those fronts, as well as a lack of public consultation.

"Who knows what this policy would have looked like had we talked to the broad public, to all the stakeholders," said Coun. Wayne Mason, noting the original motion explicitly called for consultation. "I think we'd have a radically different policy that would satisfy a lot of the concerns we're all raising right now."

Some councillors argued for approving the draft policy, and making improvements after public consultation.

"I understand that we

didn't go out and consult the way council expected ... but at the same time, I don't want to miss an opportunity here," said Coun. Barry Dalrymple.

Staff now has 30 days to define a public consultation process, and to study four amendments proposed by the Capital District Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed said the amendments, which include a proposed ban on alcohol advertising on buses or in HRM-owned and -operated facilities, are meant to limit the exposure of minors to alcohol promotion.

"We see an increased use (of alcohol) in children that have been marketed to and we see a lower age of first drink in children that have been marketed to, even if it's indirect marketing," Watson-Creed said.

Youth, 17, facing charges in fatal crash

A 17-year-old male from Dartmouth has been charged with criminal negligence causing death in relation to a fatal car crash in Dartmouth in June.

The youth is also facing a single charge of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death. He has been released from custody and

will appear in Halifax youth court on Oct. 17.

The Dartmouth crash happened at 4:30 p.m. on June 24 after a two-vehicle head-on collision on Main Street near Fader Street.

Police say the 17-year-old was driving westbound in the passing lane when he crossed

two lanes of traffic and collided head-on with a vehicle driven by the victim. Speed was a factor in the crash, police allege.

"Speed was described as excessive in the area," Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said. "We don't have an answer

as to why he crossed over. There's no indication he was racing anyone."

The 17-year-old was taken to hospital with minor injuries. The driver of the other car, 71-year-old Wayne Webber of Dartmouth, was rushed to hospital where he later died. **PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO**

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Women's surfing contest hopes to ride wave of success

Leah Oke, of Port Renfrew, B.C., competes Sunday in the fourth annual women's Queen of the Peak surf championship in Tofino, B.C., where she took first place in longboard. Organizers hope the amateur event will someday become the qualifier for the first-ever, female-only surfing contest sanctioned by the Association of Surfing Professionals in Canada. COURTESY KYLER VOS-TOURISM TOFINO

China

Official fired over son's extravagant 3-day wedding

A Chinese village Communist Party official was fired Tuesday after reports of his son's three-day, \$260,000 US wedding emerged, media reported.

The official Xinhua News Agency said that the party discipline inspection commission in Beijing's Chaoyang district made the ruling Tuesday against Ma Linxiang, a deputy party director in the village of Qingheying.

Though the local discipline inspection commission found no evidence that Ma used public funds for the wedding, it said the extravagance of the celebration ran counter to the party's strictures.

One wedding ceremony was held at the China National Convention Center, which was a venue for the 2008 Olympics. Nationally known entertainers were hired to perform. In China's pervasive culture of corruption, weddings and other major family events have become a front for bribe-taking in the form of lavish gifts.

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Laval mayoral hopeful fears for her safety

Campaign manager assaulted. Claire Le Bel gets police protection after releasing recording of phone call with ex-mayor



Claire Le Bel THE CANADIAN PRESS

An unnerving sequence of incidents has prompted a mayoral candidate to seek police protection in scandal-plagued Laval, Que.

The candidate first released a phone conversation she recorded with her former boss, ex-mayor Gilles Vaillancourt, who faces criminal gangsterism charges.

Despite his legal troubles, Vaillancourt was overheard offering to get involved in her campaign and help with financing, which echoed similar offers he is alleged to have made to other politicians

said her aide is doing well after the Monday night assault.

She said her campaign manager Reny Gagnon has filed a complaint with provincial police, but wouldn't provide any details about the circumstances surrounding the attack.

As for the recording, Le Bel told reporters the 50-minute conversation was taped as a precaution in August. In it, Vaillancourt asks Le Bel how the campaign is going and whether she'd recruited all her candidates. He discusses financing and asks for a private meeting with Le Bel.

Le Bel said investigators with Quebec's Charbonneau inquiry were made aware of the tape the next day, but they decided not to act on the information and deemed it a "low priority." So Le Bel decided to go public.

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Sochi style: Can Team Canada pull it off?



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Looking ahead

On the road to Sochi Olympics

More than a month after the first leak, Hockey Canada and Nike officially unveiled our hockey jerseys for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. Amid club music and laser lights, youth players skated onto the ice at Maple Leaf Gardens sporting the red, white and alternate black uniforms that the men's, women's and sledge hockey teams will wear at the Olympic and Paralympic

The big to-do

"Their mouths dropped, a little awestruck. They didn't realize what they were here for."

Hockey Hall of Famer and former Canadian Olympian Joe Nieuwendyk, about the teenage players from the Toronto area who were invited to model the jerseys.

Games.

Both the red and white jerseys include a stem-less maple leaf, and have already been criticized for resembling Petro Canada's logo.

Nike's Olympic creative

Red, white and black

3

Canada will be the only team in Sochi with a third jersey. "The fans like black, there's no question, and so do the players. But our real colours are red and white," Hockey Canada president and CEO Bob Nicholson said.

director Ken Black said the main inspirations for the design were Canada's 1920 and 1972 Olympic hockey jerseys.

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Sen. Duffy in hot water again with new allegations

Fresh findings.

Auditor flags series of payments to Mike Duffy's friend Gerald Donahue, a former TV technician



Sen. Mike Duffy THE CANADIAN PRESS

An RCMP allegation that Sen. Mike Duffy awarded \$65,000 in Senate contracts to a friend who did little actual work is the latest twist in the case of the troubled former Conservative.

The Mounties filed a production order in an Ottawa court on Tuesday to gain access to bank account records related to the allegation. They are looking at new allegations of fraud and breach of trust

against Duffy, based on fresh findings.

"That investigation determined that Sen. Duffy hired a friend as a consultant over an approximate four-year period and paid him a total of ap-

proximately \$65,000 during that time, for little or no apparent work," wrote Cpl. Greg Horton, the lead investigator.

Duffy said in an email that it would be "inappropriate for me to comment while these matters are being examined by the RCMP." No charges have been laid against Duffy.

An auditor flagged a series of payments to Duffy's friend Gerald Donahue, a former TV technician.

Between 2009 and 2012, Duffy asked the Senate to pay Donahue for a range of writing services including speeches, advice on web-page design and development and general media consulting.

But Donahue told police that he didn't do any writing and never worked on the website. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Yakking on your cell is shaping Canada

Talk, talk! People are taking calls on everything from iPhones to Androids, report says

Toronto consumers and anglophones living in Montreal are the most faithful to BlackBerry.

Vancouverites are most into Google Android phones.

That's the message in a report by the Media Technology Monitor, which probes how consumers embrace technology.

"It isn't surprising to see that in a country as di-

By the numbers

68%

Only 68 per cent of francophones in Quebec City own a cellphone, according to a study by the Media Technology Monitor.

verse as Canada you're going to see diversity not just

between anglophones and francophones but also the regions as well," said MTM executive Andrea Sharkey.

Only 68 per cent of francophones in Quebec City owned a cellphone — just over half had a smartphone — and 18 per cent had a tablet, which were the lowest results among those surveyed.


THE CANADIAN PRESS



Alberta is iPhone country, according to a new survey. So naturally this woman is using an iPhone as she snaps events at last July's Calgary Stampede. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

We're a diverse country. Just check our smartphones.

Alberta is iPhone country.




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- Keep flammable liquids away from heat sources.
- Use oven mitts or potholders when moving hot food.

Symbol mixup

Twitter gives Tweeter a boost

Tweeter is not Twitter.


The bankrupt electronics retailer's stock resumed trading Tuesday under “THEGQ.” Its old symbol was “TWTRQ.”


That was too similar to “TWTR,” the symbol proposed by Twitter when it filed plans for its initial public offering. Some confused investors sent Tweeter's stock up as much as 1,400 per cent.

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Market Minute

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Natural gas: \$3.72 US (+9¢)
Dow Jones: 14,776.53 (-159.71)

Super idea. Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a Superman licence plate

Superman's got wheels. Ohio fans of the Man of Steel now officially can have the Superman logo on their vehicles.

A licence plate with the iconic “S” insignia and the phrase “Truth, Justice and the American Way” is on sale.

Relatives of Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster were at the plate's unveiling outside the Cleveland-area home where Siegel lived.

A letter by Siegel's daughter said the men who created

Quoted

“I can just imagine them driving around ... and pointing out the plates as they spotted them.”

Laura Siegel Larson, Jerry Siegel's daughter, imagining the excited reaction of the Superman creators.

the comic superhero as teenagers in the 1930s would have been “absolutely thrilled.”

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Licence to thrill: The new Superman plate. GUS CHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE FUTURE IS HERE, BUT NO ONE CARES

If you were ever a kid, you'll remember dreaming about having your very own two-way wrist communicator.

Jimmy Olsen had one to stay in touch with Superman. All he had to do was press the button, and a cool zee-zee-zee sound would summon the Man of Steel.

In fact, anyone who was anyone in the fantasy universe had one, from Dick Tracy to Captain Kirk to Knight Rider to the Power Rangers.

Now you can have one, thanks to Samsung, which has just released the Galaxy Gear. This device gives your wrist a very high-tech panache and allows you to link up to your Galaxy phone via Bluetooth and talk at your wrist.

Too bad the fantasy is still better than the reality. Because the Gear has no brain, i.e. SIM card, of its own, it's



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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pretty much a local version of the phone in your pocket. And only if that phone is a Galaxy Note 3. You'll have to wait for the next version to hook up to more phones and functionality. But if you want to be the first Inspector Gadget on your block and you have \$300 to spend on a half-baked idea, knock yourself out.

Still Samsung has succeeded at one thing... its outstanding commercials recapture the gee-whizzery of the wrist phone, as they take us through a gallery of fantastic applications from the comics and movies leading to the next big thing: Your BFF right there on your wrist, ready to two-way, just like Jimmy Olsen and Superman.

What's interesting is that I don't care. And neither, apparently, does anyone else.

The Galaxy Gear has been released with a big tech thud.

It's partly because the watch itself appears to be a work in progress, but the Samsung ads are technically accurate — if oversimplified — and you have to wonder why the smart wrist watch — and other gee-whizzicker products such as Google Glass — don't bring the magic.

Aren't we delighted that the future has finally arrived?

Maybe it's because now that it's here, we don't really like it. It comes with baggage, such as greenhouse gases and Miley Cyrus. And now that we can communicate without wires, it's all too obvious that most of us don't really have anything to say. Hashtag fail.

And instead of escaping into the next future, we're so freaked out by the one we're in that we can only imagine dystopian scenarios featuring the zombie apocalypse, where the zombies know where we are at all times thanks to GPS.

The Galaxy Gear is really an old-fashioned idea. It belongs in the Dick Tracy era with our collective childhood. Your real mobile device is much more powerful and just as handy.

The real future, sad to say, isn't for kids.

ZOOM

Many scribbles make light work



JANNE PARVIAINEN/REX FEATURES

Photo captured with long exposure

A light illusionist did his best to show himself and his wife suffering the hot flashes of a flu. Janne Parviainen, 33, from Helsinki, Finland, created this unsettling image using amazing light techniques and long-exposure photography. The Finn told Metro he created this dazzling light display out of boredom. **METRO**

Making light of the flu



"Having a really bad flu made me focus and concentrate on getting this photograph right. It was like a battle against the odds, but I kept telling myself I could do this."

Janne Parviainen, artist and photographer from Helsinki, Finland

How the artist pulled off the light effect

How did Parviainen pull off this mesmerizing image?

"I set up the camera for a long-exposure photograph," the artist begins. "Then, I created the lines using a flashing red and blue LED light. I was crawling and jumping from one end of the room to the next, all to make sure that every inch of the room was covered in the light." **METRO**

Exposure time in minutes

30

minutes is the time frame Parviainen used to create his long-exposure photograph. All of his surreal photographs, the Finnish photographer claims, are produced manually with no post-production alterations or enhancements.

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If all that Nobel news about Francois Englert and Peter Higgs winning the physics prize for their Higgs boson work wasn't enough to turn you on to science for the week, then perhaps the amazing space-is-scary film Gravity and what astronauts have had to say about it has piqued your interest. Here's some breezy reading about science and space while you're tuned in.



This image shows a typical event in the search for the Higgs boson. COURTESY CERN

Bad Astronomy:

Phil Plait waxes ecstatic about all things extraterrestrial in some of the friendliest wording you'll find on topics that typically trend toward dense. A word of warning: He's generous with links, so it's easy to get lost. (slate.com/blogs/bad_astronomy.html)

Mother Jones:

OK, so this isn't a blog at all. But Kiera Butler, Mother Jones' science writer, is a required addition to your RSS feed for

topics ranging from scary business like antibiotic overprescription to comforting news like the benefits of frozen food. (motherjones.com/authors/kiera-butler)

Planetary Society:

The writers who lovingly tend the Planetary Society blogs section are serious eggheads. But if you happen to be a quick study with genius jargon and academic acronyms, you'll soon be up to date on the Comet of the Century. Did you even know one of those was coming? (planetary.org/blogs)

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Which celeb driver are you?

You may have moves like Jagger, but when it comes to your driving style, who is your celebrity match? Despite Canada's reputation as a modest nation, a global survey for Kijiji reveals that when it comes to cars, Canadian drivers value style over substance. In fact, as you'll see, there may be more "Beliebers" on our roads than ones saying "hit me baby one more time."

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Image Seekers (27 per cent)

Key values
Brand, design and style are most important.

Global average
23 per cent.

Celebrity Match

Justin Bieber — his Ferrari F430 is rumoured to be as important to him as his hair.



Efficiency Seekers (22 per cent)

Key values
Brand is less of a priority, but reliability, efficiency, and running costs matter.

Global average
22 per cent.

Celebrity Match

Leonardo DiCaprio — he loves hybrids as much as he loves Victoria's Secret models.



Performance Seekers (17 per cent)

Key values
Handling and power are higher up on the list of priorities.

Global average
17 per cent.

Celebrity Match

Jay Leno — he spends as much time shining his muscle cars or at the race tracks as he does prepping his monologues.



Necessity Drivers (19 per cent)

Key values
Say a car is just a tool to get from A to B; most likely to drive a silver or grey Chevy/Toyota/Chrysler.

Global average
17 per cent.

Celebrity Match

James Franco — whether it's luxury or not, he just needs his car to get to his next class.



Risk Takers (five per cent)

Key values
Parks carelessly, more likely to drink and drive.

Global average
11 per cent.

Celebrity Match

Lindsay Lohan — do we really need to elaborate?



Accident Prone (five per cent)

Key values
Despite less obvious risk taking they are still prone to accidents.

Global average
Six per cent.

Celebrity Match

Britney Spears — though she hasn't run over a Police officer's foot or hit a paparazzo lately.



Cautious Drivers (five per cent)

Key values
Rarely has accidents or damages their car.

Global average
Four per cent.

Celebrity Match

Betty White — her driving record is as golden as her television career.



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The Word

Why Tom Hanks can't get down to fighting weight

MELINDA TAUB

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Get back, cookies. You leave our Tom Hanks alone.

The beloved star, whose film *Captain Phillips* comes out this week, revealed last night on the

Late Show that he has Type 2 diabetes.

"I went to the doctor and she said, 'You know those high blood-sugar numbers you've been dealing with since you were 36? Well, you've graduated,'" he said to David Letterman. "'You've got Type 2 diabetes, young man.'"

Hanks said his doctor did offer him an escape strategy. "She said, 'Look, if you can weigh as much as you did in high school, you will essentially be completely healthy, you

will not have Type 2 diabetes.' And I said to her, 'Well, I'm going to have Type 2 diabetes.' Because there is no way I can weigh as much as I did in high school."

Come on. Tom looks like he's already in pretty good shape. He can make it. How much did he weigh in high school? "I weighed 96 pounds in high school," he claims. "And most of that was that big, wide afro."

OK. Maybe just try to ride that Type 2 wave, then.



Tom Hanks ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

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@KellyOsbourne

I have been punched in the face by men but nothing has hurt more than being head butted in the jaw by my bulldog William! my teeth even hurt



@TomArnold

Put a very comfortable day bed in your son's nursery because he'll be in your bed with mom and that's where you'll be watching Sports Center

Kate's kid dreams of a neon-green wedding

Kate Hudson and fiancé Matt Bellamy have been engaged for more than two years but have yet to set a wedding date — which is apparently a problem for Hudson's older son, nine-year-old Ryder, who has been applying "a little bit" of pressure on the actress to walk down the aisle.

"I think he looks forward to more the party than the actual idea of us getting married. He apparently wants to wear a neon-green tux," Hudson told Ellen DeGeneres during an interview. "He loves neon green. He wants to wear neon green with black. That's pretty cool. He's a bit of a fashion boy."



Kate Hudson



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Jennifer Jason Leigh

It's officially splitsville for Jennifer and Noah

Nearly three years after separating, Jennifer Jason Leigh and director Noah Baumbach are officially divorced, according to E! News. The couple was married for five years and have one child together, three-year-old Rohmer Baumbach.

According to court documents, Leigh and Baumbach have "equally divided all of their community assets and liabilities" and resolved all custody issues. At the time of her initial divorce filing, Leigh had left the date of their actual separation blank, but has since listed it as Nov. 5, 2010.

If Miley wants Liam back, she'd better make nice with the sister-in-law

Apparently another woman played a major role in the breakup of Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth, but it wasn't another girlfriend. According to Radar Online, Hemsworth's sister-in-law, Elsa Pataky, "is no fan of Miley" and urged him to break off their engagement.

"Elsa is totally against

Miley and Liam getting back together. She spent the last year freezing Miley out in some kind of passive-aggressive move," a source says. "Miley desperately wants to get back with Liam and believes she can because she's done it before. But to do that, she's going to have to win over Elsa."



Miley Cyrus

Halle's baby gets a moniker with meaning

Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez have picked a name for their newborn son, and it's Maceo Robert Martinez, according to E! News. "They chose it because it means gift from God," a source says. "Olivier wanted to give a nod to his Spanish roots. They picked the name a while ago. They love it."



Halle Berry

Headed to Mexico this winter? Want to go surfing? Hidden away on the Pacific Coast, the town of Puerto Escondido is generating buzz thanks to a starring role in HGTV's season premiere of *Live Here, Buy This!* The draw? The Mexican Pipeline, an unforgiving wave that attracts an international surfing crowd. Travel writer Michele Peterson created an app offering an insider's guide to Mexico's Surf City. Here are a few excerpts.



Cafes & quick bites: Osa Mariposa

This hip hostel, just two blocks from the beach, appeals to backpackers and surfers. Choose from private bungalows or shared dormitories (four to a room). The clean and spacious bathrooms are superior to many others in this price range. The on-site restaurant offers a menu of tasty veggie and vegan options. Don't miss the black bean veggie burgers. Mescal and tequila figure highly at the bar. The website has a helpful map. You'll need it to find the place: osamariposa.com.



Adventure/culture: Oasis Surf and Language School

Even your pre-schooler can take Spanish classes at this professional language school located in the Rinconada neighbourhood. The school offers beginner, intermediate and advanced classes as well as specialized medical Spanish for health-care professionals. A full slate of cultural activities is available, including a learn-to-surf program. The school can also arrange volunteer experiences if you'd like to give back to the community and practise your new lingo at the same time. Visit oasislanguageschool.com. A five-day week of one-and-a-half-hour language classes costs about \$75 US. Surfing classes cost around \$35 US per class, with discounts on packages.

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Hot spots in Puerto Escondido



Natural attractions: Zicatela Beach

The main strip flanking Calle del Morro is packed with surf shops, restaurants, cafés, hotels and booming nightclubs. If you long to feel the sand between your toes, the wide beach is dotted with loungers, Bali beds and hammocks — all free to use with the purchase of a consumo (drink or snack). This is where the epic Mexican Pipeline wave breaks, so the main draw is surfing, but you can also take yoga classes, have a massage or book an excursion all within a few block radius. Strong surf and undertow makes this beach dangerous for swimmers. The red flag is always flying but depending on the tides, it's possible to find a shallow tidal pool and splash about like a duckling.



Lodging: Aqua Luna Hotel

This sleek, minimalist boutique hotel owned by an Aussie long boarder and his Mexican wife, offers a sophisticated escape in 16 rooms at wallet-friendly prices ranging from \$25-\$70 per night or \$700 monthly for kitchenette rooms. The pearl-white walls, violet-hued swimming pool and adults-only policy creates a sensual Miami SoBe retreat, conveniently perched above Zicatela, the hippest beach with the most wave action. hotelaqualuna.com.



Bars & drink: Casa Babylon

Bookstore by day, nightclub by night. This unusual combination of bookstore/coffee shop and nightclub is weird enough to work. An eclectic decor of Mexican masks, Asian statues and rough-hewn furniture morphs effectively from a quiet haven into a pulsing nightclub with techno music, reggae, funk and live bands. Exchange some books, play a board game or two and then come back to party.

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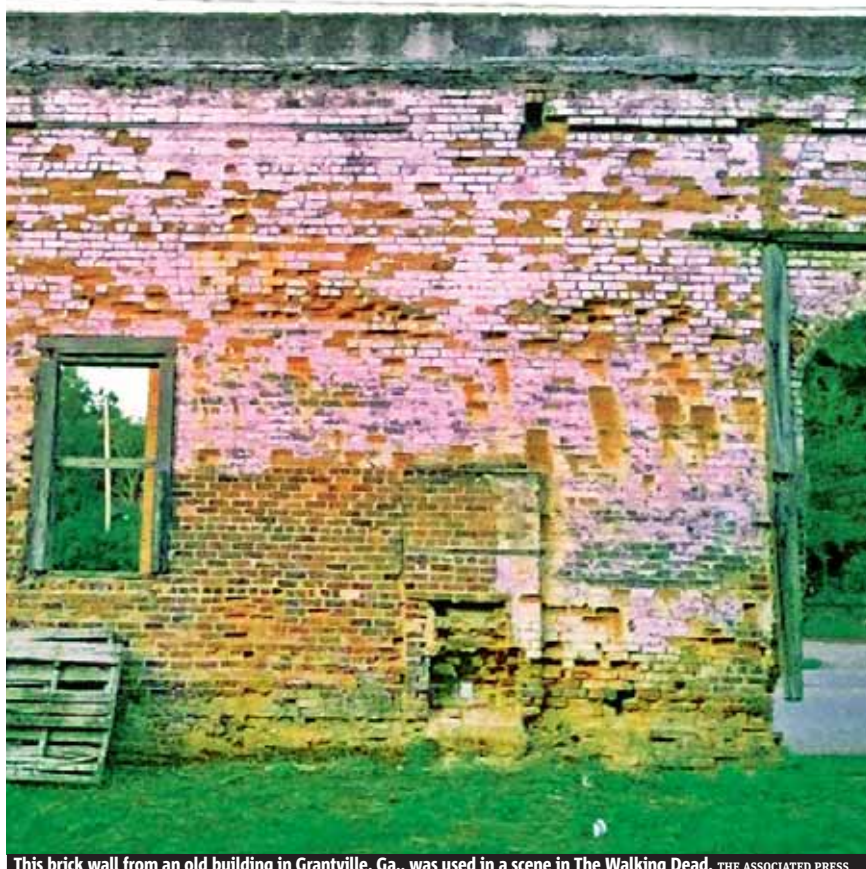
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This brick wall from an old building in Grantville, Ga., was used in a scene in *The Walking Dead*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Walking Dead bring life to tiny town

Grateful Grantville.
Visitors flocking to town to see spooky sets from season three

When the cotton mill closed, the rural Georgia town of Grantville began a slow transformation into a ghost town. Residents fled. Storefronts faded. Buildings decayed.

Over the decades, time turned the remains of the town into something almost post-apocalyptic, the perfect modern-day set for humans and "walkers" to attack one another. That's how the hugely popular TV show *The Walking Dead* ended up coming to town and bringing new life to Grantville.

Several key scenes in one episode from the AMC series were filmed on and near a one-block stretch of antique buildings on Grantville's Main Street.

The series' fourth season premieres on Oct. 13. Crews have been filming the new episodes in Georgia, but they keep locations of future episodes closely guarded secrets until the shows air.

In Grantville, the town's ruins were featured prominently last season. Bodies of walkers slain on the show were buried in a vacant lot beneath the brick archway remaining from a cotton mill building. Gunshots were fired from a nearby rooftop.

And child actor Chandler Riggs, who plays Carl Grimes on the show, entertained himself between scenes by placing pennies on the railroad tracks, the coins soon smashed into souvenirs by passing freight trains.

Now, every Saturday, visitors from around the country and the world turn off Interstate 85 and onto a two-lane highway that leads to the tiny town 80 kilometres southwest of Atlanta.

Draw of the Dead

Other productions have taken place in Grantville, but none have drawn the visitors like *The Walking Dead*. "Nobody came after they filmed *Lawless* and *Broken Bridges* here," says Mayor Jim Sells. "But once this episode aired from *The Walking Dead*, people started showing up from all over."

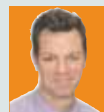
Since last summer, more than 3,600 visitors have taken a free tour led by Grantville Mayor Jim Sells, who explains where each scene from the AMC episode — during which the character Morgan makes it his mission to "clear" walkers by killing them — was filmed.

Visitors have come from as far as Australia, Singapore and Brazil, rejuvenating the town through tourism.

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Cruising

A riverboat fantasy — come true



ON THE MOVE
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The exploding popularity of river cruising is hardly surprising.

The most endearing quality of a river cruise is the intimacy it offers. A standard ship has

capacity for 150 to 200 guests versus an ocean liner, which typically has 1,000-plus guests onboard. This allows you to get to know your travelling companions and removes the annoyance of having to stand in long lines to embark, disembark or simply enjoy a meal. River cruising also provides easy access to the destinations. At most stops you can wander into town from the dock or hop a short coach ride to a city centre. The distances between stops are typically much shorter than a standard cruise, allowing for the possibility of

one to two stops per day and never having to spend a long day at sea. Although the most popular routes are in Europe, there are sailings available in countries as diverse as China, Russia and Vietnam.

There are various companies in the market, all trying to differentiate themselves with different offerings. At the top end is Scenic Tours. They appear to be on the pricey end but bear in mind they are the only true all-inclusive river cruise company. They include everything in their prices from alcohol, to guided tours and



River cruising is taking off around the world. ISTOCK

special experiences, such as a private concert of Mozart and Strauss' music in Vienna's Palais Liechtenstein. The other

big players are Uniworld, AMA, Viking and Avalon. Emerald Waterways is the latest company to ply the rivers. It is

a four-star product with fewer services and a lower price point, all aimed at attracting a younger demographic.

When it comes to booking there are some standard questions you should ask. The most important is to find out what is included in the price; airport transfers, sightseeing, tours and activities and unlimited drinks or just wine and beer with dinner? How many dining venues are onboard? Are there any specialty restaurants and is there an additional charge for these? What about tips and gratuities?

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Thai take on Butternut Squash soup

1. In a stock or large soup pot over medium-low, heat the oil. Add the onions, garlic and salt and cook until the onions have softened, about 10 minutes. Stir in the ginger and curry paste and cook for a minute or two more. Add the squash and water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the squash is tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

2. While the squash is cooking, zest and juice the lime. Add about a teaspoon of the zest and 1 tablespoon of the juice to the pot (reserving the extra). When the squash is tender, stir in the coconut milk.

3. Transfer soup to a blender or food processor, then purée until smooth. Be careful when blending hot liquids.

4. Return all of the soup to the pot and reheat. Taste and adjust the flavour as you wish with spoonful of sugar, if desired, as well as additional lime juice and/or curry paste. Stir in the spinach and cilantro and heat until just wilted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ (RECIPE ADAPTED FROM THE MOOSEWOOD COLLECTIVE'S MOOSEWOOD RESTAURANT FAVOURITES, 2013, ST. MARTIN'S GRIFFIN)**

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups chopped yellow onions
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp peeled and grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp Thai red curry paste, or more to taste
- 2 1/2-lb butternut squash, peeled, seeded and chopped
- (about 6 cups)
- 3 cups water
- 1 lime
- 1 cup unsweetened coconut milk
- Sugar
- 2 cups baby spinach, cut into chiffonade
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Thyme Gimlet

- 2 oz Belvedere vodka
- 3/4 oz thyme syrup*
- 3/4 oz lemon juice

Shake with cubed ice and strain over ice into a rocks glass. Garnish with lemon and thyme sprig.

*Thyme Syrup

- 7-8 sprigs of fresh thyme
- 480 ml (16 oz) water
- 480 ml (16 oz) white sugar

Simmer thyme in the water for approximately 10 to 15 minutes or until you see the thyme go brown. Remove thyme and add sugar. Stir until dissolved. Cool and funnel into a glass bottle. Keep refrigerated.

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Oh, the places this fall bisque will take your taste buds

1. In saucepan over medium-high, heat vegetable oil. Add onions, shallots, salt and herbs, then sauté 5 minutes. Reduce

heat to medium and continue to cook, stirring often, until the onions are soft and brown, about another 20 minutes.

2. Add vinegar and deglaze pan. Add squash and 3 cups of broth, then bring to simmer. Cover and cook until squash

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 large sweet onions, diced
- 2 medium shallots, chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp dried Italian herbs
- 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 lbs cubed, peeled butternut squash
- 3 to 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and ground black pepper

Caramelized Onion and Squash Bisque



This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

is completely tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Working in batches, transfer the soup to a blender and purée until smooth. Alternatively, purée the soup in the pot using an immersion blender. Either way, take care when blending hot liquids.

3. Return bisque to heat and stir in cream. If a thinner bisque is desired, thin the soup with the remaining cup of broth. Heat until just hot. Season with salt and pepper. To serve, finish with any of the following:

Spiced Shrimp and Scallions

Toss 12 ounces of small cooked shrimp with 1 teaspoon five-spice powder. Top with sliced scallions.

Asiago and Apple

Stir 2 finely diced apples into the bisque, then bring back to a simmer. Top with shredded Asiago cheese.

Barbecue Pulled Pork

Stir together 2 cups of shredded/pulled cooked pork with 1/3 cup barbecue sauce. Top the soup first with the pork, then a dollop of sour cream and chopped fresh cilantro.

Two Corn and Herbs

Cook 1 cup of thawed frozen corn kernels on high in a skillet with 1 tablespoon of oil until lightly browned. Stir the kernels into the bisque along with 2 tablespoons each of chopped fresh tarragon, thyme and chives. Finish by topping the bisque with salted, buttered popcorn.

Peppered Jack

Stir in 1 diced red bell pepper and 1/4 cup diced pickled jalapeños. Top with shredded pepper jack cheese.

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Interrogation differentiation: Who's turning up at the interview table?

A room with a 'view.
Five types of tough interviewers and how to handle each

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Walking into an interview is not the most relaxing activity out there.

This is partly because interviews come with many unknowns.

What questions will an interviewer ask? What skills should you focus on? How long will the interview be?

One of the biggest unknowns when going into an interview is: what will the interviewer be like?

An interviewer's personality can be a hard thing to predict until you actually come face to face in the interview. To help you be savvy to the types of interviewers you might face as a student or new grad on the job hunt, here are a few dominant interviewer personality types and how to adjust successfully to them on the spot.

Rambling

A rambler is an interviewer who is chatty, friendly and outgoing.

Though this behaviour may be a relief when you first start the interview, try not to let your guard down too much.

In order to ensure that you're able to communicate the information that matters (skills, experience and so on), you'll need to single out the rel-

evant aspects of the discussion and answer each question concisely and skillfully.

Shy

Usually it's the interviewee who feels shy, but interviewers can be a ball of nerves as well.

If you encounter a shy interviewer, the main thing is to understand that this is just their personality — not that you're performing poorly. Shy interviewers can be hard to read, difficult to create a conversation with and may wrap up the entire thing quickly.

The smart thing to do in this situation is to pick up on their personality type right away so you don't panic. To ease the atmosphere, try to be friendly, put them at ease and end in a positive way with a handshake.

Harsh

The great thing about this type of interviewer personality is that you'll recognize it the moment you walk in the door, which gives you more time to adjust successfully.

With questions being fired rapidly, an edgy tone and intimidating body language it can be easy to unravel on the spot. The key to magnificently performing with a harsh interviewer is to keep your composure.

Take your time to answer each question, speak in a calm and paced manner and minimize small talk.

Inexperienced

Shaky hands, questions that don't flow together, quick exits and awkward conversations are all signs of an inexperienced or unprepared interviewer.

As the interviewee this can be surprising, but the key to having a stellar interview with an inexperienced interviewer is not being thrown off track. With this

type of interviewer you need to be sure that even though they might not be addressing questions that allow you to showcase your information, you do it yourself.

Keep to your key points of discussion, relate them back to the position at hand in plain language and treat the interviewer professionally in order to keep things

on track.

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Consumer loyalty programs have become an ingrained part of Canadian life. From the iconic Canadian Tire money to the latest digital smartphone wizardry, competition continues to evolve and raise the stakes for businesses and deliver benefits to consumers.

Canadians are global leaders in loyalty program participation. The average Canadian household is active in 9.2 programs. By comparison, the average American household is active in only 6.2 programs.

An ongoing study by Canadian research firm Abacus Data found that an astounding nine in 10 Canadian adults belong to loyalty programs.

"These statistics haven't really shifted much during the three surveys we conducted in 2013," says Sean Copeland, Abacus Data's director of consumer research. "We consistently see most Canadians using three or more rewards programs on a regular basis to collect points or miles for future redemption."

The most popular loyalty programs in Canada are Air Miles Rewards (seven in 10 Canadians), and the Shoppers Opti-

mum program (three in 10 Canadians). While these cards won't disappear from Canadian wallets anytime soon, there are big changes on the horizon as Canadian businesses adjust to the shifting consumer loyalty landscape.

Research shows Canadians are most interested in loyalty programs that are simple, clear, and deliver instant rewards.

The American retail giant Target, currently opening stores in Canada, is taking heed. Target's "Red Card," a branded debit or credit card, gives shoppers an instant five per cent off at checkout for every purchase.

Target aims to not only draw new customers, but to also fill each shopping cart with a little more merchandise. Experts contend that the Red Card adds between one and two per cent to the total of each checkout at Target, and more established Canadian competitors are expected to follow suit with similar offers.

An emerging trend in consumer loyalty programs is the use of smartphone-based applications to replace physical cards.



Canada's largest grocer recently launched a new digital loyalty program targeting customers with individually tailored promotions. PC Plus, the Loblaw program, targets customers using their purchase histories, offering discounts on items they buy regularly, along with products they might be interested in, but need an incentive to try.

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Salon loyalty programs are nothing new, but this one is bigger and better because points can be collected and redeemed at any of the 20 participating locations across Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Clients have overwhelmingly opted for a Salon Rewards card. Since the program started in 2008, more than three-quarters of regular clients signed up. New card applications continue to pour in every month.

"In today's economic climate, everyone is looking for better value for their money," says David Lynds, marketing and promotions manager of Salon Resource Group.



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In fact, Salon Rewards was created to give more value to clients.

"Quality service and products continue to be the focus of our service providers, but as a business we recognize the value a loyalty program provides to the guest and, in turn, the business."

REAP YOUR REWARDS FASTER

Loyalty programs offer the opportunity to be rewarded for purchases you make every day. However, with so many programs to choose from and so much information available, it is easy to miss out on the ones that would get you to your chosen reward faster.

To help clear through the clutter, a new, free online tool (compareloyaltyprograms.ca) asks a few simple questions and recommends up to three programs that will get you to your chosen rewards faster based on your preferred rewards, lifestyle and shopping habits. What's really new and unique about the tool is that it strategically evaluates cards based on "time to reward" or how quickly you can reach your desired reward.

According to the 2013 COLLOQUY Loyalty Census, the average Canadian household is involved in about eight loyalty programs. Rewards fall into three categories — cash, merchandise or travel — and, historically, people have signed up from the point-of-view of "how much do I have to spend in order to get rewards."

"But it's not just about the dividend or payout rate that these programs offer," says David MacDonald, group VP, custom/financial, Environics Research Group. "It's about how you accumulate points and how quickly you can get a reward of some sizable value to you."

The tool, which was created by Environics Research Group, is quick and simple to use. All you have to do is enter a bit of information about shopping preferences and habits, and which type of rewards you prefer. Then, the tool determines

up to three Canadian loyalty programs or affiliated credit cards that are most likely to get you \$100 in rewards faster.

The evaluation is based on

substantial research into Canadians' habits using loyalty programs and what kinds of rewards they prefer, says Ken Wong, marketing professor at Queen's School of Business, Kingston, Ont., who reviewed and approved the research methodology.

"The tool provides just three cards to consider, and that is easier than consumers having to compare 20 or 30 programs."

Also, you can fill out the tool several times if you want to see how differences in shopping habits and choices impact the variables and the cards recommended.

"The three cards you are presented with make most sense for the spending patterns you have entered," MacDonald says.



HOW TO MAXIMIZE PROGRAMS

- Reduce the number of loyalty programs you belong to, says Frank Pons, professor of marketing, Laval University. "When people have a lot of loyalty programs and cards, the tendency is to disperse points. Cards are really efficient if you focus on

just one or two specific programs."

- Aggregate your points. "The more often you use the same card, the more points you will accumulate, and the faster you will get rewards," says Ken Wong, marketing professor at Queen's

School of Business.

- Choose loyalty programs based on your lifestyle. If you have the same card you had as a student and now you are married with kids, you probably aren't taking full advantage of points. "Maybe one spouse should sign up for one rewards program and do most of the shopping in that category and the other person do another," says David MacDonald, group VP, custom/financial, Environics Research Group.
- Double dip. Take advantage of loyalty programs that are affiliated with a credit card. "I was using a loyalty card and an unaffiliated credit card, and that forced me to spread my points rather than put them together and double up points," Wong says.

- Be wise with credit. Credit card programs can be a great way to super-charge your time to reward — there are often additional bonus rewards simply by using the credit card. But if you don't pay off the credit card balance every month, Pons says, you end up paying interest and not making a lot of money.



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TOP 20 IN CANADA

Here are the top 20 loyalty programs by percentage of usage in Canada, based on the percentage of Canadians who collected rewards over a three-month period in 2012.

- AIR MILES Reward Program — 68 per cent
- Shoppers Optimum — 30 per cent
- HBC Rewards — 26 per cent
- Canadian Tire Money — 23 per cent
- Aeroplan — 23 per cent
- PETRO-POINTS — 18 per cent
- PC Points — 13 per cent
- Scene — 10 per cent
- Club Sobeys — 10 per cent
- Sears Card — 10 per cent
- Esso Extra — eight per cent
- CAA — seven per cent
- Save-On-More — seven per cent
- Plum Rewards — seven per cent
- RBC Rewards — seven per cent
- Best Buy Rewards — six per cent
- RBC Avion — three per cent
- Desjardins — three per cent
- AMEX Rewards — three per cent
- Walmart Rewards — three per cent



The women's team from Surrey, B.C., warms up at the Soccer Nova Scotia complex in Clayton Park on Tuesday. The national club championships start Wednesday in Halifax. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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ANDREW RANKIN

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Alan Jazic won't have his all-star captain at his disposal Wednesday when the Halifax Dunbrack open play against defending champion Royal Select Beauport at the Challenge Cup. Shawn Kodejs is missing

the men's national club soccer championship tournament due to a hamstring injury. Coach Jazic will also be without his star defender Danny Leblanc, who's also injured.

But he's confident his offence, led by the likes of former Nova Scotia Soccer League Premiership MVP Derek Gaudet, as well as Kareem Henry and Danny Bachar, will pick up the slack at Mainland Common.

"We have a couple of key injuries but we're ready to play and we like our chances," Jazic said. "As important as those guys are, our team isn't just

Quoted

"We're excited, we're ready to go."

Halifax Dunbrack men's coach Alan Jazic

based around them."

Dunbrack and Halifax City are among 12 teams from across the country gunning for the men's title.

Dunbrack plays Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., while Halifax City makes its tournament debut against Yellowknife on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Tournament action runs through the weekend with the championship final scheduled for noon on Monday.

The Jubilee Trophy featuring the best women's club teams from across the country is also taking place locally this week. Nova Scotia will once again be fielding a strong team in Halifax Dunbrack.

The Dunbrack women, led by star striker Leanne Huck, kick off at Mainland Common Wednesday at 6 p.m. against Quebec.

The final is scheduled for Monday at 9 a.m.

QMJHL

Overager choice 'hardest in a long time': Herd GM

Cam Russell admits he has a very difficult decision to make in the coming days.

On the one hand, the Halifax Mooseheads general manager is excited about the return of one of his top forwards in Darcy Ashley, who's been out of the lineup with an injured hand since the start of the season.

"He's been cleared for body contact," said Russell. "But he hasn't really played since the Memorial Cup. We're going to make sure we're putting him in a situation he's ready for. So we're evaluating him this week."

But with Ashley's arrival, which could be as early as Friday's home game against the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada, the Mooseheads must cut ties with one of their other overage players: forward Brent Andrews, defence-men Trey Lewis and Cole Harbour's Brendan Duke.

Because Andrews and Ashley are among two of the team's top forwards, and Lewis is the team's captain, it appears Duke is the odd man out.

A decision could be made this weekend.

"You know what, it's going to be a real tough choice," said Russell. "They're four quality players and kids. They're spectacular people. They all bring something very important to our hockey club."

"It's going to be the hardest choice we've had to make in a long time, when it comes to making a decision on overagers."

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Avs and have-nots: Leafs drop first of the season



Avalanche forward Gabriel Landeskog, left, takes a hit from Leafs blue-liner Jake Gardiner during the Leafs' 2-1 loss to Colorado on Tuesday.

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NHL. Undermanned Buds fall to up-and-comers from Denver

A depleted Maple Leafs lineup was unable to keep pace with the surging Colorado Avalanche, reducing the list of NHL unbeaten by one.

P.A. Parenteau scored early in the third period to help the Avs edge Toronto 2-1 on Tuesday night. Cory Sarich also scored for Colorado (3-0-0), which got another terrific start from Semyon Varlamov in net. The 25-year-old Russian has now stopped 88 of 91 shots in three games.

Tied 1-1 going into the third, Colorado went ahead at 2:30 on a 2-on-1 with Jamie McGinn setting up Parenteau, who may not have known too much about it as the puck deflected in off his skate past a sliding defenceman Jake Gardiner.

On Tuesday

2

Avalanche

1

Maple Leafs

Joffrey Lupul scored for a depleted Toronto (3-1-0), which charged hard during a power play midway through the third period but was unable to score.

"That was a big (penalty) kill for us," Avs coach Patrick Roy said. "Guys were there for a long time, and then they sacrificed their body."

Jay McClement's absence due to his wife going into labour further stripped a Leaf lineup already missing Mark Fraser, Nikolai Kulemin and Frazer McLaren through injury and David Clarkson due to suspension.

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Nathan MacKinnon

NHL living up to top pick's expectations

Teenager Nathan MacKinnon is clearly enjoying his NHL-rookie-season ride.

The 18-year-old centre from Cole Harbour was all smiles Tuesday prior to the Avalanche's 2-1 win over the Maple Leafs in Toronto.

The Colorado rookie took the time to pull on an Avalanche cap in his dressing-room stall and then enthused about life in the



Nathan MacKinnon during warm-ups on Tuesday.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

big league.

Asked what has surprised him about the NHL, he replied: "I guess how good they treat us here."

"It's awesome. I'm loving every second of it. The travelling with the team, the way that they treat the players is pretty special. Obviously a little different than junior but I can't complain about that either; it's been great."

MacKinnon's parents flew out for the Toronto game.

The Avs are taking care not to pile on the pressure on the top overall pick in the 2013 draft. MacKinnon, who has four assists including a helper on Tuesday night's winning goal, is playing on the third line with Jamie McGinn and P.A. Parenteau.

"It's the perfect fit for him," said head coach Patrick Roy. "He doesn't have to come here and be the saviour. He can come in here and be himself and play."

"He's been outstanding in the first two games, despite the fact that he had an injury in training camp. We're very excited and we love what we have seen so far of him." THE CANADIAN PRESS

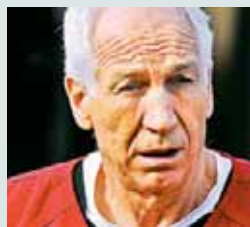
Sandusky scandal

Penn State settles with abuse victims

At least 19 young men have settled with Penn State over assertions of abuse by former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, according to lawyers for the claimants.

Many, if not all of them, have received cheques from the university, the attorneys said over the past two days. The school has set aside some \$60 million to pay claims, though several lawyers say the settlements prevent them from disclosing details, including the amounts their clients were paid.

Sandusky, 69, the school's longtime assistant football coach under Joe Paterno, is serving 30 to 60 years in prison for sexually abusing 10 boys over 15 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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MLB. Tigers get by A's with a little help from their fans

The Detroit Tigers are heading back to California with the help of Max Scherzer and some fans in right field.

Scherzer escaped a major jam during a relief outing to remember — one inning after two fans reached out to try to reel in Victor Martinez's disputed home run — and the Tigers rallied past the Oakland Athletics 8-6 on Tuesday to force a decisive fifth game in their AL division series.

Playing catch-up most of the way, the Tigers tied it first with Jhonny Peralta's three-run homer in the fifth inning and then on Martinez's solo shot in the seventh. A couple of fans attempted to catch Martinez's drive, and at least one of them bobbled the ball as he reached over the railing above the wall, preventing right-fielder Josh Reddick from having any chance at a leaping grab.

Reddick and centre-fielder Coco Crisp immediately protested, pointing up at the stands in the hope of a fan-interference call. But umpires upheld the home run after a replay review.

Scherzer, making his first relief appearance since the 2011 post-season, gave up a run in the seventh and got in trouble again in the eighth. With the



The Tigers' Victor Martinez celebrates hitting a home run on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tigers ahead 5-4, he allowed a walk and a double to start the inning, but after an intentional walk to load the bases, manager Jim Leyland left his 21-game winner on the mound.

Scherzer struck out Reddick and Stephen Vogt before getting pinch-hitter Alberto Calaspo to line out to centre.

Detroit added three runs in the eighth on a wild pitch and a two-run double by Omar Infante that made it 8-4.

Yoenis Cespedes hit a two-run single in the ninth, bringing the potential tying run to the plate, but Joaquin Benoit struck out Seth Smith to end it.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Toronto	4	3	1	0	13	10	6
Boston	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	0	7	7	4
Detroit	3	2	1	0	6	7	4
Ottawa	2	1	0	1	5	5	3
Montreal	2	1	1	0	7	5	2
Florida	3	1	2	0	5	11	2
Buffalo	4	0	3	1	4	10	1

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	0	12	3	6
N.Y. Islanders	3	2	0	1	12	7	5
Carolina	3	1	1	1	6	9	3
Columbus	2	1	1	0	6	6	2
N.Y. Rangers	2	1	1	0	4	5	2
Washington	3	1	2	0	10	12	2
New Jersey	3	0	1	2	7	12	2
Philadelphia	4	1	3	0	5	10	2

Tuesday's results

Colorado 2 Toronto 1
Nashville 3 Minnesota 2
N.Y. Islanders 6 Phoenix 1
Philadelphia 2 Florida 1
Pittsburgh 5 Carolina 2
Tampa Bay 3 Buffalo 2 (OT)
New Jersey at Vancouver

MLB PLAYOFFS

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BOSTON (1) VS. TAMPA BAY (6)

(Boston leads series 2-1)

Tuesday's result

Boston at Tampa Bay

Monday's result

Tampa Bay 5 Boston 4

Thursday's game

x-Tampa Bay (Moore 17-4) at Boston (Lester 15-8), 5:37 p.m.

OAKLAND (2) VS. DETROIT (3)

(Series tied 2-2)

Tuesday's result

Detroit 8 Oakland 6

Monday's result

Oakland 6 Detroit 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Colorado	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	11	2	4
Winnipeg	3	2	1	0	12	10	4
Chicago	2	1	0	1	8	7	3
Dallas	2	1	1	0	4	5	2
Nashville	3	1	2	0	6	9	2
Minnesota	3	0	1	2	7	10	2

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	2	2	0	0	8	2	4
Vancouver	3	2	1	0	12	10	4
Anaheim	3	2	1	0	8	11	4
Calgary	3	1	0	2	12	13	4
Los Angeles	3	1	2	0	7	10	2
Edmonton	3	1	2	0	11	15	2
Phoenix	3	1	2	0	6	11	2

Note: Two points for a win, one point for an overtime/shootout loss.

N.Y. Rangers at San Jose

Monday's results

Edmonton 5 New Jersey 4 (SO)

N.Y. Rangers 3 Los Angeles 1

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Montreal at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Ottawa at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 16

EAST

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Toronto	14	9	5	0	407	370	18
x-Hamilton	14	7	7	0	360	383	14
Montreal	14	6	8	0	349	385	12
Winnipeg	14	2	12	0	279	459	4

WEST

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Calgary	14	11	3	0	446	323	22
x-Saskatchewan	14	9	5	0	419	316	18
x-B.C.	14	9	5	0	395	350	18
Edmonton	14	3	11	0	340	409	6

x — clinched playoff berth.

Friday's game — All Times Eastern

B.C. at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Saturday's game

Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 14

Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.

Toronto vs. Hamilton (at Guelph), 4:30 p.m.

NFL

WEEK SIX

Thursday's game — All Times Eastern

N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday's games

Detroit at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

St. Louis at Houston, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.

Carolina at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.

Jacksonville at Denver, 4:05 p.m.

New Orleans at New England, 4:25 p.m.

Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.

Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 14

Indianapolis at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.

MLS

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Kansas City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

New England at Montreal, 2:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at D.C., 7 p.m.

Chicago at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's game — Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.

The 2013 Acura TL

Review. Acura's top sport sedan is looking great and getting old gracefully

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The fourth-generation Acura TL launched for model-year 2009, and is due to be replaced any time by a new, fifth-generation machine. It's far from the freshest or newest model in its segment — but the current Acura TL is one of the most established.

That's thanks in no small part to its delivery of performance, technology and everyday sensibility alongside two things premium shoppers love: an honest price tag, and a promise of reliable, no-nonsense ownership thanks to Acura's gleaming reputation for reliability.

The gist? The TL is getting old these days, but it remains a staple product in its segment that's well-deserving of a test-drive. The looks might still be controversial, but the TL remains a great machine to drive, and a car special to the Acura brand. The current-generation TL put Super Handling All Wheel Drive (SH-AWD) technology into the mainstream luxury sedan market. And, though it was late to the game, it pushed Acura sedans past the 300-horsepower mark at long last.

All of this exists in a highly-usable package. There's generous room for four adults, plenty of at-hand storage, and a great looking, three-dimensional look to the instrument cluster, dashboard and controls. In all, you get unique styling that very much does its own thing while creating a distinctively upscale, techy atmosphere. Proper cup-

holders, deep door bins and a sense of always having a place for your stuff help round out the package.

Key competitors include the BMW 5-Series, Audi A6 and Infiniti G37. Though not pack-leading where output is concerned, the big V6 is very pleasing to listen to and really piles on the juice at high revs as the VTEC power-cam kicks in. The six-speed automatic works well with the engine for smoothness and response, supporting a sporty but very refined character.

The SH-AWD system, as noted on numerous other test-drives, has benefits which are two-fold. First, on slippery stuff, it finds surprising levels of traction — using sophisticated computer controls and fast-acting magnetic clutch packs to extract the most forward momentum from the ground beneath. Second, when drivers push the TL's limits a little, the system "overdrives" the inside rear wheel, which slightly slides the tail out and points the nose inwards in a sort of mini-drift. Translation? You get playful agility and locked-on confidence, depending on what your right foot is up to on the surface in question.

That's all directed by a heavyset steering system that confidently transmits a sense of agility and playfulness to the driver, too. End of the day, few sedans are this all-out confident and discreetly entertaining when pushed hard.

Powerful and fairly communicative brakes back up the performance capabilities — and when you're on a relaxing drive, wind and road noise levels are kept adequately in check, as is fuel consumption. This engine might not have all the latest fuel-saving gadgets, but I still averaged under 10 litres per 100 km over the



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2013 Acura TL

- **Fuel economy.** 9.9L / 100km
- **Engines (hp).** 3.7L V6, 305 horsepower, VTEC.
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** (TL SH-AWD Elite) \$49,450

Key strengths

This isn't a machine that begs for attention, but rather focuses on sensibility and a quiet, confident demeanor. And, though high-tech and sporty, the TL is easy to drive, easy to learn and requires nothing of the driver when they'd prefer to relax and enjoy a peaceful drive.

Key complaints

Simply, it's getting old. The navigation and infotainment read-outs are due for an overhaul, and so are many of the controls and interfaces on board. More power would help the TL earn the dollars of driving enthusiasts, and the lack of folding rear seats limits cargo carrying capacity.

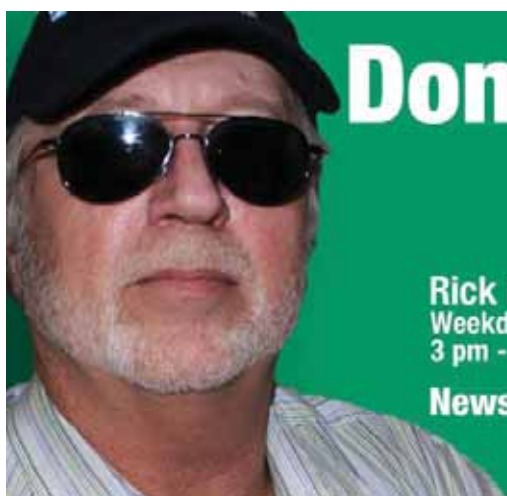
course of a week.

Other notes? The xenon projector lights are fantastic, and the big doors and big comfy seats make this an easy car to get in and out of, even many times per day. Finally, blind-spot monitoring and a slew of fully-automatic or voice-commanded features on the "Elite"

grade test model I drove added a sense of effortless relaxation on lengthy road trips.

Numerous competitors are more modern-looking, both inside and out. A comparable Audi or Lexus will boast a more striking cabin, and a comparable BMW or Mercedes will likely prove more all-out com-

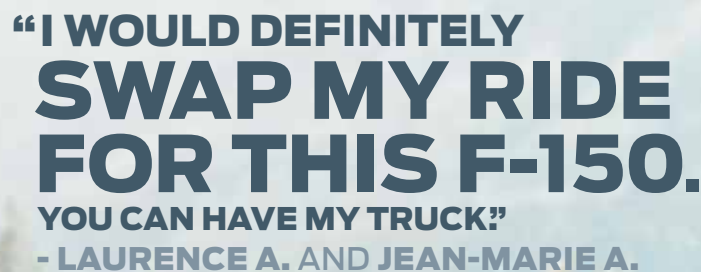
fortable. The new TL has yet to be seen — but for the time being, shoppers after a car that's discreetly sporty, offers a proven reputation, delivers plenty of character and delivers a pleasing overall driving experience should add the current TL to their "to test drive" list.



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Autopilot. Car rental is on the rise and properly regulated, so here are some tips on mitigating your end-of-term wear-and-tear charges



AUTO PILOT
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More automakers are offering leasing as a finance option, and more consumers are taking up their offers.

We won't go into which option — loans or leasing — makes more sense for you, because that's an economic or accounting class, and I've sworn off school ever since that wardrobe malfunction at the blackboard back in Grade 7.

Instead, let's take a minute or two to talk about the lease-end vehicle inspection.

They've had a history of being acrimonious, but things are better now.

Big nationwide third-party providers now perform the inspections, and have been extensively schooled to be consistent. The inspections are also now almost always done while the lessee still has the vehicle, so he or she can address issues and/or negotiate charges before the final bill is produced.

Honda Canada, for example, will send out a letter notifying you that an inspection company will be contacting you around 45 days prior to lease end. The parties then arrange a suitable date and location for the inspection, which takes about 30 to 40 minutes.

"Lessees will receive a paper copy of their inspection immediately," says William Hope, Manager-Lease Maturity Centre, Honda Canada Finance.

"The inspection lists all exceptions but not estimated cost. ... The lessee is provided a website and can view their inspection online within 48 hours, in which all estimated charges will have been completed."



Leasing is popular again but be prepared for term-ending inspection. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

If you think you can get the exceptions fixed cheaper than Honda, go ahead and knock yourself out.

Of course, you can bypass this whole exercise by purchasing an excess wear-and-tear

protection plan. Depending on the value of the vehicle, these plans can run about \$500 to \$1,000. The Honda product is called Lease Guard Insurance.

Jim Mathews, president of LeaseBusters, thinks they are

"terrific" and highly recommends them. Not only do you not have to worry about extra charges, if you need to get out of the lease, and you engage a firm like LeaseBusters to find you a suitable person to take

over the lease, your vehicle is instantly more desirable than all the other lease vehicles trying to find new homes.

If you don't have such a plan and you're facing your inspection soon, Mathews says to be particularly aware of the following:

Repair windshield chips.

If there is something not up to grade about the windshield, the leasing company will typically charge you for a complete replacement. If a crack or chip can be repaired, get it repaired.

Measure tire tread depth. Have your dealership or independent technician professionally measure the tread depth on the tires, to determine if they will pass or fail the allowances for acceptable tire wear. If they don't, replace them with a matching used set that does. And remember to make sure they conform to the OEM's requirements for speed and load ratings. If you do anything less, they could theoretically ding you for a complete new set.

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Small driver, fast job



Your usual variety of power and non-power screwdrivers will work just fine for most tasks, but they might be too large for those occasional micro-sized jobs. In those instances, even a super-small manual screwdriver could be awkward to use, not to mention horribly slow, since products that use small screws tend to use lots of them. The Model 500 Cordless Precision Screwdriver from General Tools might be exactly what you need to save your fingertips. This mini-flashlight-sized, battery-powered and ergonomically designed device comes with eight different interchangeable slotted, Phillips and Torx bits and has forward and reverse modes. The Model 500 sells for \$30 US and can be purchased directly from the manufacturer at generaltools.com/500.



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Along with colourful leaves and crisp weather, fall also brings the latest vehicles into the showrooms. It's often a good time to buy a new car, as dealers clear out their inventory of last year's models to make way for the new ones.

"Manufacturers want those new cars in the hands of consumers," says Ben Spatafora, national director for CarCostCanada. That means not only can you expect to find deals on the outgoing model-year vehicles, but automakers may even be using incentives and discounts to get those incoming cars and trucks into

consumers' driveways.

Almost all new-car dealerships are independently-owned franchises, and almost all purchase their inventory — those new cars, trucks and SUVs sitting on the lot — with a revolving line of credit, commonly known as a "floor plan."

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2014 model isn't substantially changed from the 2013 version, and the MSRP (manufacturer's suggested retail price, the maximum the dealer can charge for the car) is close enough to that of the 2014, many buyers will choose the newer model year. The dealer doesn't want to get stuck with any unsold 2013 models, so you're in a good position to strike a deal on one.

While ordering a vehicle from the factory will allow you to get precisely the options and colour you want, you probably won't have as much opportunity to negotiate on the price, since it will only pass through the dealer's hands for delivery and licensing. You'll have a far better chance with one that's sitting in the dealer's inventory.

"All buyers will have some sort of 'wiggle room' on the price when the product is in stock," Spatafora says. "The moment it hits the pavement, the clock starts to tick, and there's motivation for the seller to move it quicker rather than later."

Manufacturers' incentives on vehicles can include cash

Clock's a tickin'

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Ben Spatafora, national director for CarCostCanada

discounts, low- or zero-per cent interest rates on financing, or products such as winter tire packages, no-charge oil changes, or other maintenance services.

If you're thinking of replacing your vehicle because it's becoming unreliable or no longer suits your family's needs, Spatafora suggests planning ahead, instead of having to scramble when your old one gives out. "If you think you'll need a new car in the spring, then start to look now," he says. "If you can time it with big incentives, model changes, or end-of-year or seasonal sales, that's a bonus."

Take note potential buyers

• **Know your incentives.** Check the auto manufacturer's advertisements and websites before you go car shopping, so you know what incentives are being offered.

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Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Wherever you go over the next 24 hours, people will greet you with open arms. Why are you suddenly so popular? Because of your sunny nature, of course, and because you are rarely judgmental.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You are getting obsessive about something and it's not healthy. It's unlikely you will just give up on it, so maybe you should indulge it — and get it out of your system.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You don't have to carry the world on your shoulders. Friends and colleagues will make life easier for you today, but they will only succeed if you meet them halfway.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You could easily spend lots of money and have nothing to show for it, so maybe you should leave your credit cards at home.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

People you meet today may not be very talkative but you will know exactly what they are thinking. If there is one thing you are good at, it is reading body language.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Scorpio is a sensitive sign and that sensitivity can be both a blessing and a curse. Which one it is today depends on how easily you let yourself be annoyed by petty events.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You'll need to employ a certain amount of critical thinking over the next 24 hours, especially when dealing with new ideas, as some people may find them outrageous.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You're in a friendly mood and that's good because the more you smile and say nice things the more you'll get the kind of offers you like. What kind are they? The kind that pay lots of money!

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will be impatient with people who get in your way today but hopefully not so impatient that you start a fight. Slow down, calm down and try not to take little things personally — they're not.

Pisces

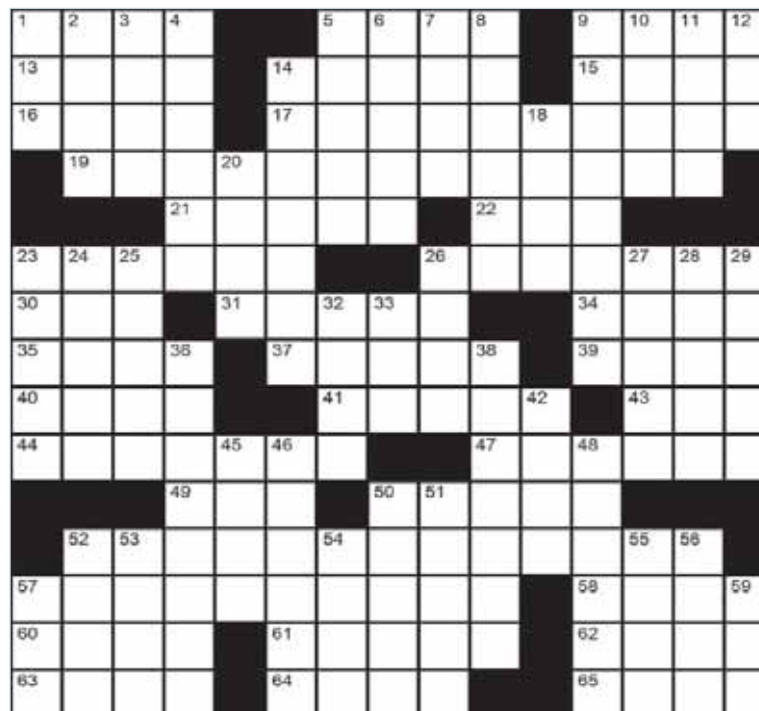
Feb. 20 - March 20

If you are confused about something then you must speak up, even though you don't like to admit to your ignorance in front of other people. The important thing is to get it right. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Gordon Pinsent's actress daughter
5. French words?
9. Konvicted rapper
13. Inventor, Thomas Edison
14. Flashdance (1983) star Michael
15. Ms. Downey of Touched by an Angel
16. Gladiator's 554
17. Bit of Ramble On by Led Zeppelin: "The ___ lights my way."
19. Canadian actress who played Lily Munster: 3 wds.
21. Nova Scotia's Straight of ___
22. Provincial song: ___ to Newfoundland
23. Ornamental tree
26. Hip-Hop group, ___ Boys
30. Ohh's kin
31. Moderner
34. Salon shade
35. Rattling sound from the chest
37. Shave the sheep
39. Comic actor Mr. Green
40. ___ (British band)
41. Sarah McLachlan song
43. Mr. Gershwin
44. Caustic talk
47. Filet ___
49. "Let me think..."
50. John Hersey's bell town



52. Madonna's pre-concerts rituals: 2 wds.
57. Fluently-bilingual person job title
58. Minstrel's instrument
60. ___ Kong
61. Comedian/actor Denis

62. Russian river
63. Border
64. Leaky balloon sounds
65. Tommy James & The Shondells tune, when repeated

Down

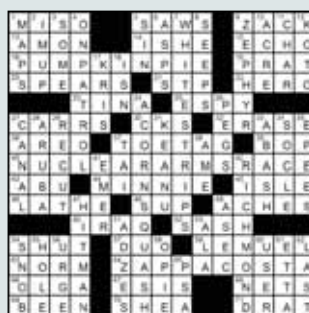
1. Chap

2. Jed Clampett's daughter, ___ May
3. Tel ___
4. Mayhems
5. Pouting grimaces
6. Perform better than
7. Genuine
8. Big lake in Ontario
9. Captain's chair

10. ___-Aid (Fun drink)
11. Herman Melville story
12. Book publisher, ___ A. Talese
14. Jobs like film-dom's Miss McPhee's
18. Zippo
20. Flatbread variety

23. The Simpsons kid, and namesakes
24. Catherine of SCTV
25. Winnipeg Jet, e.g.
26. Talk big
27. Marketing link: 2 wds.
28. Short start?
29. Mr. Hawke
32. Brit pop duo!
33. Literary contraction
36. Toronto Stock ___
38. Take the plunge again
42. The Mod Squad character, ___ Hayes
45. Songstress Ms. Grant's
46. Uses one's nose
48. J.R.R. Tolkien character in the song at #17-Across
50. ___ a go-between (Mediate)
51. Gowns by designer Christian
52. Nudge
53. Called
54. Charlotte of TV, and others
55. Certain monetary unit
56. Saxophonist Mr. Getz
57. British band, when doubled
59. Cathedral city

Yesterday's Crossword

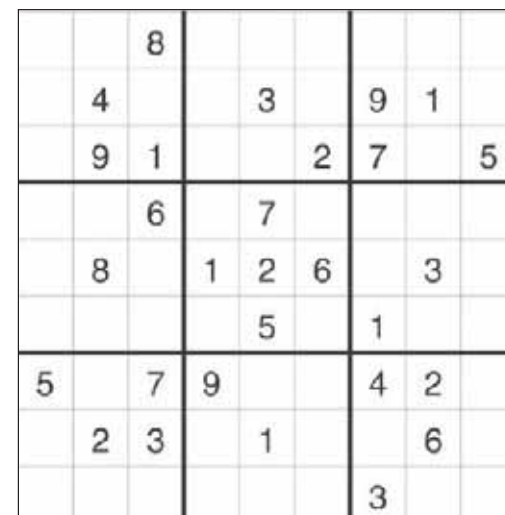


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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Thursday

17°/7°
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